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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An output service system comprising:

at least one client for generating order information for ordering output of material data; and

at least one output server for outputting the material data based on the order information provided from the client or clients,

the order information including a pointer for indicating a storage location of the material data other than the output server or output servers; and

the output server or output servers obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location other than the output server or output servers based on the pointer included in the order information.

2. (ORIGINAL) An output service system as defined in Claim 1, further comprising a relay server existing between the at least one client and the at least one output server, the relay server selecting one of the at least one output server as an apparatus for outputting the material data according to the order information from the at least one client and providing the order information to the selected server.

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3. (ORIGINAL) An output service system as defined in Claim 2, wherein the relay server comprises servers at a plurality of steps.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An output service system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order information is provided to the output server or servers via a network.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An output service system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order information is provided to the output server or servers by being recorded in a recording medium.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer-readable recording medium storing order information for ordering output of material data, the order information including a pointer for indicating a storage location of the material data.

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7.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   A method of outputting material data according to order information including a pointer for indicating a storage location of the material data in a personal computer of a client, the order output method comprising the steps of:

obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location in the personal computer of the client based on the pointer included in the order information; and

outputting the material data that have been obtained.

8.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   An order output apparatus for outputting material data according to order information including a pointer for indicating a storage location of the material data in a personal computer of a client, the order output apparatus comprising:

acquisition means for obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location in the personal computer of the client based on the pointer included in the order information; and

output means for outputting the material data that have been obtained.

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9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program to cause a computer to execute an order output method for outputting material data based on order information including a pointer for indicating a storage location of the material data in a personal computer of a client, the program comprising the procedures of:

obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location in the personal computer of the client based on the pointer included in the order information; and

outputting the material data that have been obtained.